

Prayer List

Jeff Abston Family of Halie-Ann
Randy & Pat Adams Rex
Nicole Blevins Russell Scholz
The Bryja Family Rebecca Smith
Kathy & Eddie Deakins Tommy Thomson
Alan Demascus Fred Tucker
Phyllis Eckerson Anna Grace West
Art & Vivian Eckerson Manna House
Tom Eorgan
Clint Ferguson
Terri Fleenor
Family of Wayne Flint
Jim Furches
Tony Gentry
Jennifer Greene
Karen Hall
Hannah Hensley
Joanne Hoke
Scott Huff
Tricia Huffman
Johnny & Peggy Humphreys
Keith & Jean Jones
Anna Kapoor
Linda Kostreva
Timothy Livesay
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Jason Mills
Don Parsons
Robin Potter
Donna Robbins

New Additions:

Calvin McMann



Submit a prayer request.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/1: Leadership Training (11:30)
- 3/4: Middle School Pick-Up (3:00)
- 3/5: Circle of Faith Meeting (10:00)
- 3/14: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- 3/15: Senior High Sunday Funday (5:00)
- 3/24: Circle of Hope Meeting (6:30)
- 3/29: Easter EGG-stravaganza (4:00)
- 4/2: UMW Executive Board Meeting (10:00)
- 4/2: UMW General Meeting (11:00)
- 4/11: Church-wide Cleanup Day at the Neighborhood Center (9:00)
- 4/19: UMW Spring Bake & Craft Sale (11:30)



Full Church
Calendar



Submit an announcement
request.

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Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent



WORSHIP GUIDE

PRELUDE Cesar Franck/Arr. by H. Hopson
"Panis Angelicus"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to be the people of God's Kingdom.

People: In God's realm, we walk in God's unbounded love.

Leader: We are called to share God's compassion and grace.

People: In God's realm, we will care for each other as we care for ourselves.

Leader: We are called to be people who seek to serve.

People: In God's realm, we will love each other as God's has loved us.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE #384
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 Leader: Holy God, You have spoken to us Your greatest commandments.
People: We are to love You above all else.
 Leader: We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.
People: We are to provide for the alien, widow, orphan, and poor.
 Leader: We are to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
People: We are to demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
 Leader: Forgive us when we gloss over Your words, and pursue the values of the world.
People: Mold us in Your image, so that through us, all people may come to see, feel, and experience Your divine love.
(A time for personal reflection)
 Leader: God continually looks on us with love and mercy, blessing us with acceptance and life. My friends, gratefully and humbly receive the good news of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:1-5

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION Screen
"Build My Life"

MISSION MOMENT

DOXOLOGY #95

GOSPEL READING John 19:25-27

ANTHEM
"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

SERMON Rev. Jodie Ifhe
"Behold"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #581, vs. 1-3
"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
*Called from worship unto service,
 Forth in thy dear name we go,
 To the child, the youth, the aged,
 Love in living deeds to show,*

*Hope and health, good will and comfort,
 Counsel, aid and peace we give,
 That thy children, Lord, in freedom
 May thy mercy know and live.*

POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, March 14, at 9:00am.

The senior high are having a Sunday Funday next week on March 15. It will take place in the evening, and we will meet at church for dinner before heading over to Quantum Leap for laser tag and trampoline jumping. The cost for this event is \$10. Please let Pastor Gary know ASAP if you are planning to attend. Friends are welcome.

Sunday, March 29 starting at 4pm is our Easter EGG-stravaganza, and we need your help. We are collecting bags of *individually wrapped* candy and other small items to fill Easter eggs the next several weeks.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Final Words from the Cross

Menu: Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30, classes begin at 6:30. Please make reservations by Monday, 3/9 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

SAVE THE DATES:

- June 8-12 - Youth Mission Week. Contact Pastor Gary for more information.
- June 22-26 - Camp in the Community. Contact Pastor Jodie for more information.
- July 14 - Senior Adult Trip to see *Guys and Dolls* at Barter Theatre. Registration deadline is May 1. Contact Nancy Campbell for more information.

Clare's Closet continues during all Food Pantry Saturdays through March. The collection box is in the connector for donations of **new or gently used winter wear:** coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, and scarves.

Food Pantry Items - March

- Laundry Detergent
- Crackers in sleeves
- Dish Detergent
- Pop-Top Canned Foods
- Toilet Paper

Help your neighbors in need.

Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector